

**Criteria for Awarding Federal and
State Grant Homeland Security
Funds in New Jersey**

Pursuant to New Jersey State Executive Order 5 the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (the Office) has been designated as the State Administrative Agency for all Homeland Security and Preparedness related federal grants. In an effort to establish clear, transparent guidelines for the allocation and distribution of discretionary funding based upon risk, the Director of the Office establishes the following basic criteria:

To the extent possible, all investments should:

1. Follow a risk-based system: Risk being defined as a function of threat, vulnerability, and consequence assessment
2. Significantly benefit New Jersey's emergency response community
3. Link to our state preparedness goals to prevent terrorist attacks; protect critical infrastructure and reduce vulnerability to terrorism; respond to incidents of terrorism quickly and effectively; and recover from terrorist attack(s) and restore quality of life
4. Support the national and state priorities, and target capabilities, e.g., interoperability, regionalization, and information sharing
5. Avoid duplication where wasteful